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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that there are 222 plantations in Malabar, Coimbatore, the Nilgiris and other places and that there is only one Court at Coimbatore, namely, the Industrial Tribunal, will the Government be pleased to constitute a separate Court for the settlement of disputes of the plantation workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question will be considered as soon as the High Court's stay order is vacated."

Construction of wells in Harijan colonies.

* 653 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are implementing the recommendation of the Harijan Welfare Committee of 1948 at page 16 of their report that 10,000 wells may be constructed within five years for the Harijan localities in the State;

(*b*) if so, how many wells were constructed for the past five years;

(*c*) how many have been completed and how many are yet to be completed; and

(*d*) whether Rs. 50,000 as mentioned at page 16 of the report have been spent on wells in each firka under the Firka Development Scheme?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Government have not fixed any target for the number of wells to be provided for, for the Harijan localities in any selected period of time as recommended by the Harijan Welfare Committee. It was decided that as under Rural Water Supply scheme and also under Firka Development scheme, adequate provision was made for digging wells, etc., no separate allotment was considered necessary from the One Crore Fund set apart for Harijan Welfare. Wells are now provided for the benefit of the villagers including Harijans under the Rural Water-Supply scheme and Firka Development scheme. Besides some amount is also spent every year from the Harijan Welfare Budget for the provision of the wells for Harijans whenever there is urgent necessity.

" (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The particulars are not fully readily available. But I have some information so far as the Harijan Welfare Department is concerned. The number of wells constructed up to 1951-52 is 953. The number of wells constructed under the Rural Welfare scheme up to 30th September 1952 is roughly 2,900."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know whether the Government will take any keen interest in the welfare of Harijans other than by way of granting scholarships? If so, what are the measures of that kind and what is the amount of money spent on them? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" This does not arise out of the main question. I have, however, no objection if the Hon. Minister wants to answer it."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" That involves a reference to all the Reports of the Harijan Welfare Department, which are available to the hon. Member. I require notice for a detailed statement."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Are the Government aware that adequate and sufficient amount of money is not given for the Harijan Welfare Fund and that, therefore, the District Harijan Welfare Officer is not able to attend to the needs of the Harijan colonies in the matter of water-supply and improvement of slums?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member knows that there is increased provision for Harijan Welfare work every year."

SRI V. K. RAMASAMY MUDALIAR :—" Does the Hon. Minister know that many cheries are without wells? Therefore, will he give top priority to the sinking of wells in all the cheries in the State?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" As far as possible, this is being done."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the fact that these wells are not dug as expeditiously as they are required, will the Government think of asking the villagers to dig the wells themselves and then paying them the compensation or the cost thereof?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion will be considered."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" Are the Government aware that sinking of new wells is not taken up this year, i.e., 1953–54, particularly in the Visakhapatnam district?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter will be looked into."

SRI G. NAGESWARA RAO :—" అయ్యా, బావులకొరకు కేటాయించిన యాభైవేల రూపాయల మొత్తమును నూతులకొరకు ఖర్చుపెట్టారా, లేక ప్రభుత్వాని కే[illegible] surrender చేశారా?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" యాభైవేల రూపాయలని ఇందుకు ప్రత్యేకంగా లేవు. ఆ వివరాలన్నీ ఇప్పుడు చెప్పేందుకు నా దగ్గర information లేదని చెప్పుచున్నాను."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" In view of the fact that most of the wells are being dug in places not accessible to the Harijans, will the Government be pleased to direct the district officials to dig the wells so as to be accessible to the Harijans in particular?"

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Accessibility is considered in every case and such instruction is already there."

9-50 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give the number of Harijan colonies in our State that are not provided with drinking-water wells and where the Harijans have to depend on other places in which the caste Hindus are a menace to the Harijans so far as the drinking-water problem is concerned? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot give the exact figure just at present, Sir."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Wherever wells are dug for the benefit of the Harijans under the Rural Water Supply scheme, the caste Hindus are not allowing them to use those wells. May I know from the Hon. Minister what steps does he propose to take to obliterate such disabilities? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Public opinion must prevail and wherever necessary, legal action will be taken."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know what is the amount transferred to the Rural Welfare Department for the purpose of digging wells this year? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice, Sir."

Arrest of Sri Madala Kotaiah and Madala Narasaiah of Ongole taluk.

* 654 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date on which Sri Madala Kotaiah and Madala Narasaiah of Mynampad, Ongole taluk of Guntur district, were arrested;

(*b*) the date and place where they were shot by the police; and

(*c*) the causes for the shooting?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) The date is 13th September 1950.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Madala Kotaiah and Madala Narasaiah were two of the accused in a case of rioting attended with murder, arson and looting that occurred in Mynampad village. They were arrested at 6 p.m. They were fed and taken under police escort in a land rover to Ongole at about 10 p.m. in the night. The rover reached a place known as Gundlavagu at about 10-15 p.m. Here the way was blocked by those who were in sympathy by boulders placed across the road. Two shots were fired from a nearby mound and torch lights were flashed on them. Suddenly Madala